ticed, he walks about and surveys the strange circumstances which present themselves to his view. His attention is soon fixed on an individual, discovered by him to be the principal personage on the island, and he observes that all the arrangements made by others have a relation, more or less directly, to him. He would seem to be the monarch of the whole territory, and yet it is evident that he is confined and suspected on every hand. He has a certain degree of liberty allowed, and he is ever asserting it and seeking its extension, while he is jealous in the extreme of the supposed attempts to deprive him of it, and complaining loudly of the restraints laid upon him. It is observed, that the persons by whom he is surrounded pay him all respect and deference; while they are rfl the very time watching and guarding him, ami ready, if he go beyond prescribed limits, to resort to bolder measures. This personage, it in farther observed, has in his manner an air of dignity which impresses the spectator with awe, while he has also an air of restlessness and discontent which moves him to pity. What reasonable conclusion can the traveller draw from this strange combination and jumble of seeming contradictions? He knows not, for a time, what to think. There are times when he is confident that .this individual, on whom all eyes are fixed, is a king; but then he sees him watched and suspected as if he was a felon. He concludes that he may be a bondsman or a prisoner; but this conclusion is confounded when he reflects that a certain freedom is permitted him, that great honour is paid him, and that there are traces of greatness and power in Iris manner and character. It is possible that the traveller, after perplexing himself for a time, may give up all idea of resolving the mystery. Perhaps it may not occur to him that the opposite and seemingly inconsis-

tent phenomena which present themselves may 1m combined in a consistent result, or, as the German metaphysicians would say, in a higher unity ; but. should the idea occur, and he prosecute it Huflidontly far, it will at once conduct him to asolutlm of all his difficulties, and the truth will now open to him, and show him in this personage a fallen monarch, with remains of former grandeur., confined hero for a tiwio, and with only a certain degree of freedom and authority allowed him. Tl/b idea may not at once suggest itself to the mind of the traveller; but should it occur to him, or be brought under his notice, it will at once